



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Cleveland, OH

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Cleveland was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. Located in northern Ohio on Lake Erie, Cleveland (population 414,534) built its wealth and reputation on large and small companies engaged in heavy manufacturing. The city's industrial base has decreased significantly, as has its population. The city lost almost 54,000 residents between 2000 and 2005. By 2005, one-third of city residents were living in poverty and over 17 percent were unemployed. Cleveland's east side is a federally designated Empowerment Zone. African-Americans make up 93 percent of the residents in the Empowerment Zone. Properties with environmental problems are the most severe in areas where residents are disadvantaged. These potentially contaminated properties, of which there are well over 10,000 citywide,



### Assessment Grants



**\$200,000 for hazardous substances**  
**\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the City of Cleveland for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach and perform four Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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discourage redevelopment. In 2005, the city established an Industrial/Commercial Land Bank to encourage the use of these properties. Assessment grant funds will be used at priority Land Bank properties to help make properties available for redevelopment, create jobs, and regain lost tax revenues.